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It was the worst day in Avengers' history. The Scarlet Witch suffered a total nervous breakdown after losing control of her reality-altering powers. In the chaos created around the breakdown, many of the other Avengers were killed or hurt, both emotionally and physically. Without funding to keep going, the rest of the team quietly disbanded.

The criminal Electro is hired to infiltrate the high-tech maximum-security prison known as the Raft. He sucks all the power out of Manhattan and overloads the entire island security system, setting free eighty-seven of the most dangerous and powerful criminals on Earth. Who hired Electro to do this and who he helped escape is a mystery.

Trapped on the prison island are S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Jessica Drew (a.k.a. Spider-Woman), blind lawyer Matt Murdock (a.k.a. Daredevil), Murdock's partner Foggy Nelson, and Luke Cage, Hero for Hire. They have come to see the most powerful super hero in the world, the Sentry, who is rotting in a solitary basement cell because he killed his wife.

When the city goes black, Captain America is already in a black ops S.H.I.E.L.D. copter, headed toward the island. He does not realize that Spider-Man has also hitched a ride. They are joined by the invincible Iron Man, and the impossible battle is won.

Inspired by these events, Captain America is convinced that the New Avengers have been born. He convinces Tony Stark to help him put the team together, without all the trappings, politics and finances to which the previous Avengers were accustomed. Tony agrees, and the team is assembled. Their first mission is to find out who is responsible for the largest super-villain prison break in history.

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HEY!
YOU SAID IT WAS OKAY.
I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD LEND IT OUT. THERE'S, LIKE, TEN OF YOU NOW.
THERE'S THREE. AND THEY ARE RIPPING ME OFF.
AND I'M NOT SEEING A DIME.
A DIME OF WHAT?
JUST SAYIN'.
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE JOKING.
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST WOMAN TO SAY THAT TO ME.
AND WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER GUY WHO WAS THERE LAST NIGHT? THE GOLDEN GUY?
YEAH, I FORGOT ABOUT HIM. I THOUGHT IT WAS THOR FOR A SECOND THERE.
IT'S THE SENTRY. SAVED MY LIFE TWICE LAST NIGHT.
THE SENTRY IS A PRETTY COMPLICATED STORY.
WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT RIGHT AFTER THE EMERGENCY AT HAND.
SO DO WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
BECAUSE THAT, Y'KNOW, SUCKED.
YES. WELL, THERE WAS A PRISON BREAK.
NO!
AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SYSTEM FAILURE THAT TURNED INTO A RIOT, BUT IT WASN'T. IT WAS A PRISON BREAK.
AN ASSAULT ON THE ISLAND. SPECIFICALLY TO BREAK OUT ONE INMATE.
WHO?
WE DON'T KNOW YET. NO ONE IS TALKING.
I JUST RECEIVED FOLDERS AND FOLDERS OF DATA FROM S.H.I.E.L.D.
THAT'S IT.
DIRECTOR HILL COOL WITH EVERYTHING?
WE'LL SEE.
SYSTEM PATCH IN.
DISPLAY.
OH MAN, IS THIS--
THIS IS WHO ESCAPED.

THWIP
THWAP
OPEN THE BUBBLE.
HE WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BLURT OUT A NAME, NOT FAINT LIKE A WUSS.
THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT DREW.
WE HAVE MAX DILLON CONTAINED. NEED A SWEEP UP AND CONTAINMENT CREW.
TRIANGULATE MY LOCATION AND LOCK.
GET THESE OFF.
THEY DON'T COME OFF.
WHAT?
ABOUT AN HOUR.
WHAT?
YOU *SAID* WEB YOUR HANDS.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW.
HOW DO WE WAKE HIM UP WITHOUT RISKING A BIG FIGHT?
YEAH, PLUS, HE CAN ESCAPE VIA THE CITY'S ELECTRIC GRID.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
I THINK I KNOW HOW TO FIND OUT WHO HE BROKE OUT OF JAIL.
BUT WE'LL NEED TO STOP BY MY HOUSE.

SEE?
I STAND CORRECTED.
SMASH